

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A heat-shrinkable polyester film having a multi-layer structure of at least two layers, among which at least one layer is a layer containing a PET bottle-recycled material, wherein a heat shrinkage percentage of a 10 cm square sample cut out from the film in a maximum shrinkage direction is 40 % or higher, under the condition that the square sample is immersed in hot water of 95C for 10 seconds and then immersed in water of 25C for 10 seconds, and the film contains as polyester components constituting the film, 50 % by mole or greater of a terephthalic acid component in 100 % by mole of polybasic carboxylic acid components, and the content of an ethylene glycol component is 50 % by mole or greater in 100 % by mole of polyhydric alcohol components.

2. (Original) The heat-shrinkable polyester film as claimed in Claim 1 which has a multi-layer structure of at least three layers, wherein both surface layers have a content of the PET bottle-recycled material of 7 mass% or smaller, and at least one layer having a content of the PET bottle-recycled material of 7 mass% or larger is provided as an inner layer other than the surface layers.

3. (Currently amended) The heat-shrinkable polyester film as claimed in Claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the film has an intrinsic viscosity of 0.62 dl/g or larger.

4. (Currently amended) The heat-shrinkable polyester film as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 1, wherein the film contains an alkaline earth metal and a phosphorus compound, the content of the alkaline earth metal M² is from 20 to 400 ppm and the content of phosphorus atoms P is from 20 to 600 ppm in the film.

5. (Currently amended) The heat-shrinkable polyester film as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 1, wherein the film has a melting specific resistance at 275C of $0.4 \cdot 10^8$ ($\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$) or less.

6. (Currently amended) The heat-shrinkable polyester film as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 1, wherein when the film stored in an environment controlled to a temperature of 30C and a relative humidity of 85% for 28 days and then a plurality of the film specimens are subjected to a tensile test in a direction orthogonal to the maximum shrinkage direction in a condition of a distance between corresponding chucks of 100 mm, a specimen width of 15 mm, a temperature of 23C and a tension test rate of 200 mm/min, the number of specimens with a breaking extension of 5% or less is 20% or less of all the specimens.

7. (Currently amended) A heat-shrinkable label which uses the heat-shrinkable polyester film defined in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 1.

8. (New) The heat-shrinkable polyester film as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the film has an intrinsic viscosity of 0.62 dl/g or larger.